



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2007 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

#### MEETING DATES:

Jan. 16, 2007  
Feb. 20, 2007  
Mar. 20, 2007  
Apr. 17, 2007  
May 15, 2007

Sept. 18, 2007  
Oct. 16, 2007

Nov. 20, 2007

Dec. 18, 2007

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.  
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.  
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due  
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due  
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting Approve the Spring  
2007 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing  
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due  
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Approve the Fall  
2006 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.  
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.  
Election of officers for 2008. Dues for 2008 due.  
Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The  
Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical  
Society Museum. Final date for 2008 dues to be paid.  
Trips to review records at Northfield & Cannon City Twps.

To be scheduled:

#### OFFICERS:

President.....Audrey DeMann  
Vice President.....Arlene Williams  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt  
Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10  
for an individual and \$12 for a family.  
The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to one of our current members who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly: Norma Gilbertson, 808 E. 5th St., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-664-9591 e.mail: njgilber@rconnect.com

Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

## SOME DRAKE FAMILY HISTORY (Part 4)

For those interested in Drake genealogy, the following information appears in the Drake Family Bible. These records were copied from the Bible in her possession on June 10, 1996 by Dorothy Chester Herkenratt (Mrs. Richard Milton Herkenratt), a member of the Rice County Historical Society, the Rice County Genealogical Society, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota Genealogical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and a compiler of records for the Herkenratt/Drake and Chester/Orr family lines.

### HISTORY

This copy of the Bible has been in possession of the Drake family or descendants since the early 1700s. The story which has come down in the family states that during the Revolutionary War a Drake ancestor was in the habit of reading a few lines from this Bible at each meal. One day as the Bible lay open on the table during dinner, a band of British soldiers came in on a foraging expedition. A servant, hearing the soldiers coming, hurriedly took the meat from the table and hid it in the basement. The soldiers peered into the iron kettles hanging at the open fire and, finding no meat but "eyes on the broth," were so angered, that one drew his sword and with one blow cut the Bible in half.

According to family tradition, the eldest surviving son in each generation, upon the death of the owner, was to inherit the Bible. In due course the Bible came into the possession of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt and her husband Richard Milton Herkenratt. The chain of possession was as follows:

|                               |                                                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joseph Drake                  | b. 1717 (original owner) (wife: Charity ? [possibly Rodman]) |
| Joseph Rodman Drake           | b. 1762 (wife: Nancy Butler)                                 |
| Joseph Drake                  | b. 1793 (wife: Ruth Bon)                                     |
| Edwin Sumner Drake            | b. 1828 (wife: Martha Clark)                                 |
| Arthur Irvin Drake            | b. 1854 (wife: Ida Sarah Smith)                              |
| Neil Wayne Drake (only child) | died without issue (wife: Louise Wright)                     |

The Bible then passed into possession of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt and Richard Milton Herkenratt. This had been at the request of Neil Wayne Drake who specified that the Drake Bible should be given to Richard if the MN Historical Society was not interested in its preservation. They were not, and it was returned to the family via Louise Wright Drake who entrusted it to Grace Whittier, daughter of Amoret Drake Whittier. Grace in turn placed it in the care of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, the wife of Richard Herkenratt, for their family as Neil Wayne Drake had requested.

Their connection to the Drake family:

|                                 |                                                               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Edwin Sumner Drake              | b. 1828 (wife: Martha Clark)                                  |
| Sumner Ernest Drake             | b. 1867 (wife: Florence Maud Taylor and sister: Amoret Drake) |
| Ila Margaret Drake (only child) | b. 1896 (hus.: Milton Herriman Herkenratt)                    |
| Richard M. Herkenratt           | b. 1925 (wife: Dorothy Chester)                               |

Joseph Drake (original owner of the Bible), was a son of Bampfylde Drake, Rector of Farway. He shipped from Plymouth, England as a stowaway and landed at New Amsterdam. He had tried to join his brothers Bampfylde and Francis who had come to America earlier, going to Virginia.

### FROM THE DRAKE FAMILY BIBLE

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THE HOLY BIBLE, Containing the Old and New TESTAMENTS:  
Newly Translated out of the Original Tongues:  
and with the former TRANSLATIONS Diligently Compared and Revised.  
By His Majesties Special Command.  
Appointed to be Read in CHURCHES. OXFORD,  
Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the UNIVERSITY. MDCC XXIII.

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## DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS

(on back of the title page inscribed The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments:)

Katey Baker was born the 30 Day of July 1721 of a Sondag morning at fivfe a Clock  
 Ann Baker wous Bourn the 23 Day of March of a Monday morning at ten a Clock in yere 1724  
 William Baker Juner wous Bourn Jun 16 in the yer 1728 of a Sondag between 12 and 1 in the morning  
 Eunes Bakerat the Same Both at won aClope  
 Joseph Baker wous Bourn 26 Day of Aprall a boute 3 aclope in moring 1733= of a thoresday  
 William Baker wous Born the Monday 14 Day of Aprall in yer 1735

Elisabeth Drake Daughtter of Joseph Drake and Jane his Wife was Born July yd 15th 1750 a —Bought 4 o Clock  
 in the after Noon on Monday

Jane Drake was Born July yd 5th 1729 on Sundy Morning a bought 8 a Clock in the Morning

Joseph Drake Was Born June yd 10 1717 on fryday Eving a Bout 8 o clock

Jesper Drake--Was Born March yd 12 New Stile 1753 : on Munday morning a Bought —three o Clock in the  
 morning & on old Stil yd first Day of March

J. Jane Drake--Was Born November yd 6 on y Between the howor of 12 & 1 at Night on Wonsday Night or  
 thirsday Morning 1754

Franses Drake was Born November 10th 1756 aboute three o Clock in yd morning on Wonsday

Franses Drake was Born november

NOTE: Record ended here at the bottom of this page.

## DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS

(bottom of page before The First Book of MOSES, Called Genesis.)

Joseph Drake his Book

## DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS

(On page before the Apocrypha)

The Names Age & Day of the week & year of the Children Born of Cate Drake Wife of Joseph Drake

William Drake was Born July yd 27th: 1738 a Bout one or two at Night on Thursday

Edward Drake was Born Septtember yd 16: 1740 a Bought five or six at night & on tusday —

Hanah Drake was Born yd 3d Day of December a Bout ten a Clock at night 1742 on fryday —

Ann Drake was Born April yd 30th Day of April a bout ten a Clock In yd afternoon: 1745: on Munday

Sarah Drake was Born July yd 19th: 1747 on Sunday a Bout 8 a Clock in yd morning

Cate Drake Departed this life this 17 Day of September 1749 on Sunday Eving a Bought 8 of the clock She Being  
 the Mother of the aBove Ritton Children —yd 17 Sun. past trineyty

When Cate Drake Dyed She was 28 yars old 1 munt & 18 Days Born on Sunday & Dyed on Sunday had been  
 married a 11 yr a 11 months & 25 Days

Member I that hanah Drake Latte hanah Baker --- Did Dye on Saturday yd 30th Day of September 1749 Shee  
 Beeing the Mother of Cate Drake who Dyed a Bout a fortnight Beefore and her Dyed a Bout 12 of yd clock  
 in yd Day

The a Bove Named William Drake departed this Life on thirsday yd 31st Day of october 1751 a Bout 9 at nite

DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS  
(On the title page for the New Testament section)

Joseph Drakes Book written with his own Blood on yd 16 of June 1769

DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS  
(on page before Gospel according to St. Matthew)

A list of the Chidren Born of Jane Drake Wife of Joseph Drake

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Joseph Drake father of the under Ritten Children was Born June yd 10: 1717 on fryday

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Jane Drake was Born July yd 5: 1729 on Sunday Morning a Bought 9 of the Clock

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Elisabeth Drake was Born July yd 15: 1751 on Mundy a Bough 4 o Clock in afternoon

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Jasper Drake was Born March yd 12 - 1753 New Stile on munday aboute 3: oClock in yd morning

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Jane Drake was Born November yd 6 or 7 in 1754 aboute 12 oClock at night on Wensday night

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Fransis Drake was Born November yd 10 - 1756 about 3 oClock in morning on Wensday

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William Drake was Born April yd 19 - 1759 he Dyed on yd 30 Day of May 1762 on WhitSunday on Thursady  
Eveing about a eleven aClock

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The following entries are quite faded but some still readable.

Jane Drake departed this life on -----Day yd 2d Day of May - 1760 BeTWEEN DayLight & Dark She being the  
Mother of the above Children was married Nine years five Monthes and Nineteen Dayes She being thirty  
years nine Months and fifteen Dayes ould when she dyed. She had the Small pox 12 Dayes Before She  
Dayed & MisCarried of a Boy & then Depar --- ted this Life.

Entry on edge of page:

Joseph Drake was Married to Jane his wife on Saterday yd 2d Day of November: 1751

DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS  
(Located on the last page of the book of Revelation.)

Joseph Drake was Born June yd 10th - 1717 on fryday about 1: of Clock in yd morning Charyty Drake was November yd 28 -  
1728 on thirsday about 1: of the Clock in yd morning She Being 34 years older to one houer then her  
Son next

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Joseph Drake Was Born Decm yd 9th 1762 on thirsday a Bought one in yd morn:g.

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Charity Drake was Born April the 14 - 1764 on Saterday at 9 of the Clock in the morning -----

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John Drake was Born June yd 16 - 1765 on Sunday a bought 1: of Clock in afternoon Departed this life on  
Saturday Sept 28 - 1765

DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS  
(from bottom of An INDEX to the HOLY BIBLE page)

Joseph Drake Juner was c'ed whn he was - 17 munths old - 21

Joseph Drake Senr Waid on yd 19: of Sept 1764 --- 21\_ (last digit could be another 1, a 6, or a 9, but most  
likely another 1)



DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS

(from bottom of last page of An INDEX to the HOLY BIBLE)

Augusts Vincent was Killed July 22d in after Noon about 4 or 5 a Clock 1781

Iris (?) Vinson Died 23 of April - 1782

Hester Drake

DRAKE FAMILY RECORDS

(Pasted on a white sheet is part of a page from A Table of Scripture-Measures, Weights and Coins located in the back of the Bible, some of which is unreadable)

A memberrandom

Jasper Drake Departed this Life at N. Haven on yd 16 Day of Sept 1782

Joseph Drake Father of the above and before written Children Departed this life January (unreadable) 1785 (missing) in the evening. aged 66 yr (missing) lacking (unreadable) days.

NOTE: End of page

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Members who met at the Rice County Historical Society Museum for the Dec. 19th meeting following the annual Christmas party at The Depot in Faribault. Left to right: (seated) John Dalby [creator of the Dalby Data Base], Vice Pres. Arlene Williams, Pres. Audrey DeMann, Charles DeMann, (standing) Rice Co. Historical Society Exec. Director Sue Garwood and Eileen Spitzack, (seated) Edward Williams, Norma Gilbertson, Jan Dalby and Sec.-Treas. Dorothy Herkenratt. Photo furnished by Edward and Arlene Williams.



## SOME DRAKE HISTORY CONFIRMED IN CASCADE MILL ACCOUNT BOOK

This account book helps confirm what family history tells of the difficulties the Drakes encountered when they purchased the mill in Granville, Minnesota [which the family always referred to as the Cascade Mill]. A scrapbook made from the account book shows the following on the face page [which had no clippings pasted on it]:

Granville Minnesota Sept 1, 1881 E. S. Drake & Son A. I. Drake, Accountant.

The first page reads:

Granville Minn., Sept 1, 1881.

Commenced Business this day with the following Resources.

|                                                                                                           |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Granville Mill and farm of 220 Acres with 3 houses                                                        | \$20,000.       |
| Wheat in Stack 600 bu. @ \$1.00                                                                           | 600.            |
| Edwin S. Drake and A. I. Drake are to carry on the business as partners and A. I. Drake is to put in Cash | 230.            |
| and is to have money for his support to amount to \$80. a year, and Board                                 | _____ \$20,830. |

### Liabilities

We owe as follows

|                                                                                                                              |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| For our Note given this day for One yar to J. N. Bill and Signed only by E. S. and J. E. Drake with Interest at 8% per annum | \$ 3,000. |
| Harvesting on Mill Farm                                                                                                      | 142.      |

Nothing more can be read as page 2 has materials pasted over the entire page, as do subsequent pages. However, the last page, page 96, is only partially covered with clippings and bears the date May 2, 1882. So at the opening of the venture it would appear only \$3,000 was owed to a J. N. Bill.

The only other Cascade Mill item possessed by the family is the large brass key used to open the mill.

It would appear that later the mill fell on hard times and family lore says it was due to this and other milling ventures that the Drakes lost their lands in Northfield Twp. It would take further research to find when the lands in Northfield Twp. (Rice County), Dakota and Goodhue counties were lost and how much had been borrowed against them.

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## Name Finding Tips from Family Tree Magazine

The August 2006 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* has some tips for finding names on the internet. 1) For instance, stop scanning a wordy Web page for your ancestor's name and instead, simultaneously hold down the Control key (on a Mac, use the Command or "Apple" key) and the F key to open the Find window, then type in the name you are looking for. 2) If on a Web page using the Google Toolbar, click on a search term in the toolbar and you jump to the first occurrence; click again to go the next one. 3) For a Bookmark site that merits a quick return visit: in Internet Explorer, once you arrive at the desired site, go to the Favorites menu and select Add to Favorites (in Firefox, pick Bookmark This Page). Organize Favorites lets you group URLs in folders for smoother surfing. 4) Most browsers store recently visited URLs in a folder, so to find a site you happened to find earlier, click the History button (in Internet Explorer) to open a window with the links. You can also search for a term in the site's title, URL or text.

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## PLEASE TREAT YOUR ANCESTORS' GRAVESTONES WITH CARE

The other day some of my friends and I were talking about trips to visit, record and photograph some of our ancestors' gravestones both in local and out-of-the-area cemeteries. As we discussed some of the problems in securing good sharp images of engravings on the stones, I was discussing the use of mirrors to enhance the contrast of the engravings as well as going at a time when the sun angle was at the best to bring out the lettering and other engravings. To my surprise, none had heard of using mirrors, and, to my horror, some were talking about how they used full-strength bleach and stiff-bristled brushes to remove dirt and lichen growth, never once thinking of the damage being done to the stone itself. One person even suggested putting black paint in the lettering for contrast! So I thought if these practices were universal with resulting damage to the stones, maybe it would be a good idea to do an article on what to do and what not to do to enhance lettering when photographing our monuments.

Stones made of granite or marble are usually very easily photographed if one is careful to 1) take the photo on an overcast day, 2) wait until the angle of the sun is "just right" to create a contrast to a polished surface, or 3) use a mirror or series of mirrors to cast light on shaded or north-facing inscriptions.

However, it can be difficult to work with a gravestone set flat on the ground as over time dirt and/or lichens can obscure lettering. I would suggest using a soft-bristled brush or whisk broom to remove loose dirt and debris, but if lichens are more firmly attached, it may be necessary to use a block of styrofoam to rub across the surface of the stone to loosen them before brushing them away from the surface. The styrofoam shouldn't scratch or degrade the surface even if the stone is somewhat porous. If there still is not enough contrast to take a sharp photo, you could try the following: spray water on the stone to see if that will enhance the lettering and, if that does not produce enough contrast, see if there is some loose soil which can be sprinkled on the stone, then, with care, see if you can get the dirt into the inscription, then carefully wipe off the surface. When you have finished taking your photos, you should flush the dirt from the stone. There should be no damage as the same items, rain, dirt and dust, are provided by Mother Nature.

Many of our family gravestones are four-sided and it can be hard to secure good photos of all four sides on the same outing since only one or two sides will be illuminated enough for a good photo, the rest being cast in a shadow of the monument or by trees or shrubs. An overcast day may allow all sides of the monument to be photographed, but if shadows are a problem, try using mirrors. If you position the mirrors to reflect light against the stone, generally the lettering will be highlighted sufficiently to make a good sharp photo. It may be necessary to position and reposition the mirror or mirrors to achieve the correct angle to provide the greatest contrast.

Some older stones made of marble, sandstone or limestone may be unreadable because of weathering, and no amount of care will ever make them readable again. It is best to take a photo and just record what is readable rather than take a chance on trying to enhance the lettering and damaging the stone. While some use cleaning agents containing acid or a caustic substance, these can "eat away" the stone and any residue left can hasten the degradation of the stone. Even using a brush might be too damaging if used on a porous marker. Some markers are also made of metal, and on these, no harsh chemicals or cleaning agents should ever be used as they can eat away at the metal. This is why I recommend the water and dirt method or use of mirrors to enhance lettering on difficult to read stones and markers. And always, always leave the marker as clean or cleaner than when you came to photograph it. If photographing a broken stone or monument, if possible, place the broken pieces together before taking the photo, but in no case should you move pieces if more damage or breakage could possibly occur. And if you are planning to visit a private cemetery, be sure to secure permission before even entering the premises, and if you are trying to locate a family gravesite, such as a "homestead" burial, be sure to seek the permission of the current owner of the property before hunting. He/she might even be able to tell you exactly where to look.

Some types of materials used over the years for markers: wood (generally completely rotted away), slate, fieldstone, sandstone, hard marble, soft white marble (many of our older family stones were made from this and now have weathered to be nearly unreadable), gray granite (used by my great-grandparents, grandparents and parents), pink granite (popular in the 1940's), cement, iron, zinc and bronze. Please research the best methods of "cleaning" and "restoring" your family's grave markers before doing anything which will destroy the records for the generations to come. Some of my ancestors' markers in Canada were repositioned after the gravesites were washed away by high water, but at least they were preserved!

Dorothy Chester Herkenratt



**2007 LIST OF TOWNSHIP CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:**

| <b><u>TOWNSHIP:</u></b> | <b><u>NAME OF CLERK:</u></b> | <b><u>ADDRESS:</u></b> |            |       | <b><u>PHONE</u></b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|
| Bridgewater             | C. Michael Piper             | 5340 124th Ct. East    | Northfield | 55057 | 507-645-9295        |
| Cannon City             | Marilyn Caron                | 5982 197th St. East    | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-332-7542        |
| Erin                    | Sharon Kaisershot            | 11560 Kanabec Trail    | Montgomery | 56069 | 507-364-5537        |
| Forest                  | Stanley Burmeister           | 13591 Fox Lake Trail   | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-334-7264        |
| Morristown              | Pamela Wagner                | 10461 Jacobson Path    | Morristown | 55052 | 507-685-2212        |
| Northfield              | Marjorie Randolph            | 11731 90th St. East    | Northfield | 55057 | 507-645-6079        |
| Richland                | David V. Derscheid           | 26300 Goodhue Ave.     | Kenyon     | 55946 | 507-789-6654        |
| Shieldsville            | Jennifer Murphy              | 9742 Dodd Road         | Kilkenny   | 56052 | 507-334-8092        |
| Walcott                 | Benet Freund                 | 4311 240th St. East    | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-334-8655        |
| Warsaw                  | Orville Wegner               | 1381 250th St. West    | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-334-4591        |
| Webster                 | Todd Elwood                  | 4215 Dent Ave.         | Webster    | 55088 | 952-652-2106        |
| Wells                   | Marlene E. Pohl              | 15687 Dover Trail      | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-332-8236        |
| Wheatland               | Clarence L. Salaba           | 9376 60th St. West     | Lonsdale   | 55046 | 507-744-2274        |
| Wheeling                | Bill Bonde                   | 12085 Nerstrand Blvd.  | Nerstrand  | 55053 | 507-330-3855        |

**2007 LIST OF CITY CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:**

| <b><u>CITY:</u></b> | <b><u>NAME OF CLERK:</u></b>       | <b><u>ADDRESS:</u></b>              |            |       | <b><u>PHONE</u></b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|
| Dennison            | Sarah B. Kelm                      | 37622 Goodhue Ave.<br>P. O. Box 56  | Dennison   | 55018 | 507-645-7732        |
| Dundas              | John McCarthy<br>City Adm. & Clerk | 216 Railway St. No.<br>P. O. Box 70 | Dundas     | 55019 | 507-645-2852        |
| Faribault           | Lorri Smith                        | 208 1st Ave. NW                     | Faribault  | 55021 | 507-334-2222        |
| Lonsdale            | Joyce Skluzacek                    | 115 Alabama St. SW<br>P. O. Box 357 | Lonsdale   | 55046 | 507-744-2327        |
| Morristown          | Virginia Schmidtke                 | P. O. Box 362                       | Morristown | 55052 | 507-685-2302        |
| Nerstrand           | Doreen Quistorff                   | 221 Main St.<br>P. O. Box 161       | Nerstrand  | 55053 | 507-332-8000        |
| Northfield          | Deb A. Little                      | 801 Washington St.                  | Northfield | 55057 | 507-645-8833        |



## HELP WANTED

All members are encouraged to place queries with the RCGS. There is no charge and no limit to the numbers of queries per year. They will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received. Please type, print or write clearly. Words should be written in full to minimize errors. We may at our discretion use some abbreviations. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$5 per entry. In addition, we will print group sheets, ancestor charts, pedigree or Ahnentafel (European) charts, and descendant charts for people with Rice County connections - free for members, \$2 per sheet for non-members or we will print one free in connection with a non-member query submission. Again, they will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received.

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**#2-2006** Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

**Still looking for copy of the Hon. Joseph Covert family Bible records.** The **Hon. Joseph Covert** (b. 29 Apr. 1828 Sullivan Co., NY - d. 20 Apr. 1893 Cannon City Twp., Rice Co., MN) **m. 1850 Sarah Frances Ogden** (b. 12 June 1832 Jersey City, Bergen Co., NJ - d. 28 Apr. 1898 Faribault, Rice Co., MN). **Children: Samuel K.** (b. 1850/51), **Joseph Ogden** (b. 19 Nov. 1852 NY), **Sarah Frances** (b. 5 Sept. 1855 Wheeling Twp., Rice Co., MN), **Henry D.** (b. 1856/57), **Alice Elizabeth** (b. 2 Mar. 1858 Wheeling Twp., Rice Co., MN), **Lina J.** (b. 1860/61) & **Katheryn (Kitt)** (b. 1865/66). **Samuel Covert** and **Alice Covert Swartwoudt** had no issue. However, the others had from one to seven children. The **A. Jackson and Lina J. Stauffer** family moved to Spokane, WA and the **Gustavus D. and Katheryn (Kitt) Shake** family to Idaho. **Elizabeth Covert Malloy** said the Bible went West with the **Shake family** and the last she knew it was with a **Robiny Case** in MO and had come down from the Coverts to the Shakes to the Ritcheys and then to the Case family who apparently are not Covert descendants. Letters sent to Robiny Case are neither answered nor returned as undelivered. Would any of the other Covert family descendants have a copy of these records? Need to verify/document Covert line. **It is especially important to secure this information soon as Elizabeth Covert Malloy, now 82 and in poor health, is anxious for me to complete and verify the Covert Family History so she can review it with her family before her death.**

**#1-2007** Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

**Looking for copy of the Job & Anne Maria Jeffries Chester family Bible records.** **Job Chester** (b. 22 July 1818 Naseby, Northamptonshire, Eng. - d. 5 Mar. 1897 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN) **m. 1844 in Alton, IL Anne Maria Jeffries** (b. 16 May 1816 Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - d. 12 Nov. 1912 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN). **Children: Job Jeffries** (b. 28 July 1845 Racine Co., WI - d. 26 July 1930 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), **William Frederick** (b. 21 Nov. 1848 Racine Co., WI - d. 9 July 1929 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), **Anne Maria** (b. 24 Mar. 1851 Racine Co., WI - d. 23 Aug. 1914 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN), **Edward Clarence "Ned"** (b. 12 Dec. 1852 Racine Co., WI - d. 12 Jan. 1916 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN), and **Mary** (dates of b. & d. unknown, buried on the homestead). **Anne, Ned & Mary** never married. The **Job Jeffries & Eleanor Hoyt Chester** family lived in Bridgewater Twp. and **Eleanor Hoyt Chester** d. 8 Mar. 1940 at her daughter **Mary Etta (Mrs. Jos. T.) Holmes'** (b. Mar. 1871 - d. 25 Dec. 1968) home in Bridgewater Twp. Their other children, also born in Bridgewater Twp., were **William Everett** (b. 22 Nov. 1869 - d. 27 Jan. 1955) and **Anne Jeffries (Mrs. Chester Wayne) Terry** (b. 31 May 1873 - d. 16 Feb. 1965). The **Chester/Jeffries Bible** remained with the **Job J. & Eleanor Hoyt Chester** family and was in the **Jos. T. Holmes** home when the Holmes' son **John** moved from the family home, leaving the furnishings behind for the tenants. Inquiries have produced no indication who acquired the Bible. We are offering \$25 to whoever has access to this Bible for a photograph/certified copy of these family records.

**#2-2007** Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

**Looking for copy of The Drake Family History** researched by Lelia J. Drake Clarke of Chicago, her brother Linn P. Drake of PA, and their father Dr. Charles Drake, younger brother of Joseph Drake who died in 28 Apr. 1857 in Rice Co. Joseph's grandson, Arthur I. Drake of Northfield, verified some of the facts known to him for the PA Drakes. The book also included records gathered by the Drake Relations Association of New Castle, PA. as well as many family stories which had been written and passed down to various family members. The book was published by Lelia J. Drake Clark who came to Minneapolis from Chicago to work as a Linotype operator with the Minneapolis Journal.

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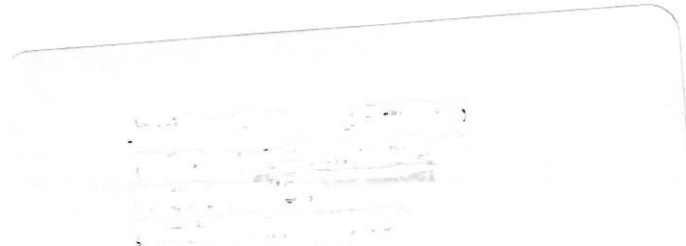
**NOTICE:** When members have a news item, query, list of lines being searched, or any other notice of interest to the general membership, please give or send the item to Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault 55021 so that it can be included in the Newsletter.

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**Type of Membership:**

☐ Individual

\$10 per calendar year

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